

MINUTES
EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING
Tuesday, April 26, 2022

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present: Kate Beaton, Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Jeremy Gragert, Charles Johnson, Roderick Jones, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller and Terry Weld. The following Council Members were absent: Emily Anderson and Andrew Werthmann.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, April 26, 2022:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 12, 2022 and Organizational Meeting of Tuesday, April 19, 2022.
- Authorizing Volume One to conduct Food Truck Fridays one Friday of each month in May, June, July, August, and September, 2022 along Riverfront Terrace.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2022-07, City-Wide Milling & Asphalt Paving.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2022-11, Transit Transfer Center – Bid Package 3.
- Authorizing the City of Eau Claire Police Department to apply for a Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.
- Granting petitions and waivers for sidewalk construction at various locations in the City of Eau Claire.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the consent resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

RECOGNITIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Council Member Weld thanked and recognized former Council Members John Lor, Catherine Emmanuelle and David Klinkhammer for their dedication and service to the City of Eau Claire.

President Weld read a proclamation proclaiming Friday, April 29, 2022, as Arbor Day in the City of Eau Claire, and urging all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our City's urban forestry program; and further, urging all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the wellbeing of present and future generations.

WRITER IN RESIDENCE

The City Council considered a resolution appointing the position of Writer in Residence for the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution approving appointments and reappointments to various Boards, Commissions and Committees. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing 2021 Year-end Budget Adjustments and 2022 First Quarter Budget Adjustments for the Adopted Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Budget. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

JULY 4TH FIREWORKS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City of Eau Claire, with Festival Foods, to conduct a fireworks display on July 4, 2022 at Carson Park. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the Community Services Department to accept a donation from Festival Foods for the July 4 fireworks displays in 2022, 2023, and 2024. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

EASEMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution granting permanent utility easements to TDS Telecom at 12 locations throughout the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to amend the resolution” by removing the Wilson Park location for further consideration at the June 28, 2022 Council meeting, following further evaluation of options by staff and review by Waterways and Parks Commission. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Beaton, Christopherson, Gragert, Johnson, Mboga, Miller and Weld. Nay: Council Members Berge and Jones.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert “to amend the resolution” by removing the Folsom Street location for further consideration at the June 28, 2022 Council meeting, following further evaluation of options by staff and review by Waterways and Parks Commission. Said motion failed due to lack of a second.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” as amended. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

AGREEMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the termination of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Eau Claire and Eau Claire Youth Hockey. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution approving an agreement between the City of Eau Claire and Eau Claire Babe Ruth, Inc. for use of Mt. Simon Park. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CHILDREN’S MUSEUM

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Community Development Investment Grant Agreement with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation in order to receive a \$250,000 grant award on behalf of the Children’s Museum of Eau Claire new site project. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Sub-recipient Agreement with the Children’s Museum of Eau Claire (CMEC) which will govern the disbursement of \$250,000 in grant funds awarded by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) in support of the new CMEC site under construction in downtown Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Miller “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ANNEXATION

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located at County Road T, Town of Wheaton, Chippewa County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 22-2A (Highway T Property LLC Annexation).

ROOM TAX

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending Chapter 3.20 Entitled “Room Tax” of the code of ordinances of the City of Eau Claire.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: April 26, 2022

Time: 5:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk